

Local News.

March winds prevail.
The wind blew a gale, Monday, day and night.

Chief Bushyhead has our thanks for papers and public documents from Washington.

Springfield Association of Congregational Churches will meet in Vinita next Wednesday, and continue three days.

Notices and communications for the *Cherokee* must be accompanied by the name of the writer, otherwise they will receive no attention.

A grand concert will be given at the Congregational Church, Friday night, March 14th. Tickets to concert, 25c; supper extra.

The very high wind on Monday blew down the exhibition building at the Vinita Fair Grounds. The loss will be comparatively light. The only damage done was demolishing a buggy that was stored away in it for protection from the weather.

Mrs. M. R. Gourd, a grand daughter of Rev. John F. Root, a prominent native preacher of the Methodist church, in his day, and wife of Dutch R. Gourd, who lives a few miles from this place, died Saturday night last.

If M. Frazee & Co., the druggists, do not succeed, it is not for want of faith. They have such faith in Dr. Besen's cough and lung syrup as a remedy for coughs, colds, consumption and lung affections that they will give a bottle free to each and every one who is in need of a medicine of this kind.

Mr. George Shear, from Shelby county, Ill., has rented the Thompson farm near town, and will soon have a fine lot of high-grade cattle shipped here from his old home, and for sale. Mr. S. will farm the old place this year, and will make quite an addition to the farming interests of this neighborhood.

The brand book of the Cherokee National Stockmen's Protective & Detective Association is in course of preparation at the office of the *LEXUS CHIEF*. Persons desirous of availing themselves of the effective means of advertising their business thus extended, as many are doing, should send in their advertisements at once.

The supper in the Methodist church, given by the children who attend the public school, Thursday night, was excellent, but the attendance of adults was not half what it should have been, where the proceeds were to be given in aid of building their new school house. Those who were there had a very pleasant time.

It is expected that Rev. Allen Wright of the Cherokee Nation will preach next Sabbath morning at the dedication of the Presbyterian church, after which the sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered. Those who believe in the Lord Jesus are invited to partake with us. In the evening Dr. Hill of Kansas City will give a history of the work of Presbyterian missions among the Indians. The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

Mr. A. C. Bruner was in Vinita Friday last, on his return from Texas. From him we learned that cattle are held at high figures, and that the purchases for northwestern ranges will be very large. He was of opinion that at least 200,000 head would be contracted for in the next ten days. He had made a sale of 600 head of two-year old heifers to Thomas Ayers & Co., of Coffeyville, Kansas, but did not mention the price.

We understand that different nurserymen have found sale for a large amount of their stock in various sections of the Nation. It affords us pleasure to note this fact, as it speaks well for the advancement of the country. Every farm should have its orchard of selected varieties of fruits, although the number of trees and vines might be small. Nothing conduces more to the health and enjoyment of old and young than fruit plucked from the parent stems by the hand that planted and cared for them.

A communication has been received, and will shortly be published, which will add interest to the items of Cherokee Antiquities now appearing in the *Chieftain*. It is from Rev. A. N. Chamberlin, whose grandfather came as a missionary of the A. B. C. F. M. Society in 1817, who was born in the Cherokee Nation east of the Mississippi River and is probably the best Cherokee scholar living. May we not hope that this letter will be the beginning of others that will perpetuate the traditions of the Cherokee, or throw light upon the structure of their language, and record his personal reminiscences of men and events among them.

Messrs. R. B. Ross and R. L. Owen returned, Saturday, from Ozark, Mo., where they attended the trial of J. G. Whiteside, James Armstrong and Taylor Smith, charged with the murder of Ennes Ridge of the Cherokee Nation, the 12th of June, 1883. The trial began Tuesday morning, and the jury returned a verdict of acquittal the following Friday morning. Judge Gier presided. The prosecution was conducted by A. A. Harrington, State Attorney, Col. R. H. Boyd and Thomas H. Delaney, and the defense by Messrs. Patterson, Giddens, Hoskins and Travis.

The winter has been so unfavorable that farmers have not been able to do as much towards preparing for the farm operations of the spring and summer as is usually the case. It behooves them, therefore, to improve every favorable hour that is offered them. Let them remember that thorough preparation of the soil reduces nearly one-half the labor of the after cultivation of any crop that may be grown on it, and adds largely to the yield. Let them also remember that, as a general rule, early planting is the best, and that overcropping is both wasteful and unprofitable; but a few acres, timely and thoroughly tilled, will produce better results than twice the number under less favorable treatment. One other idea should also be borne in mind, especially by the average farmer, and that is: It is safer to diversify crops than to rely on any single one. Corn may fail, or wheat, or potatoes, but it is seldom that all do so the same year, unless it is an exceptionally bad one. We repeat, plow deep, plant early, work well, and you will not be likely to complain of short crops.

Mrs. George W. Green made a visit to Springfield last week.

The Congregational Church is nearing completion, but still takes the Junior Editor away from this paper. We will publish a description of it when done.

Between \$1,200 and \$1,400 worth of hides were shipped from Vinita, Monday. Delaracette Bros., of Parsons, Kan., and Lamphier, of Sedalia, were the buyers.

Mr. Joseph Scrapper, who returns from California was noticed in a recent number of this paper, in failing health. We regret to state, died at the residence of his father, George W. Scrapper, in Vinita, last Monday. The family suffering under this affliction have our sincere sympathy. Deceased was a brother of Mrs. Clark, wife of Judge G. W. Clark.

J. O. Hall has sold his interest in the firm of Wm. Little & Co., to Claude S. Shelton, who has recently moved here from Texas. The firm will remain Wm. Little & Co., and do the same extensive grocery business the old firm has been noted for. Mr. Shelton is the brother of Mrs. Dr. S. J. Thompson, and brings youth and intelligence to push forward business.

Intelligence has been received that Charles Matthews, who formerly resided at Ft. Gibson, but latterly near Blue-jacket station on the Mo. Pacific railroad, and who has been fearfully afflicted with rheumatism for several months, committed suicide, the 1st inst., at the home of a sister in Michigan. Mrs. M., a very estimable and intelligent lady, a native of the Nation, is now temporarily residing in Vinita.

A half-famished, Texas-like looking long-horned bull from partial exhaustion as he was driven along with others not far from our office, Sunday last. He was placed upon his feet by kind hands, but, like many a biped under similar circumstances, instead of gratitude, immediately showed fight. Those who saw his spirit gave him a wide berth, but those who did not were less fortunate, and among the latter was our aldermanic Doctor, who unconsciously placed himself in such close contact with the spiteful brute that he found it necessary, in an application of the first law of nature—self-preservation—to take the bull by the horns and throw his weight and strength into the contest. But he had caught a Tartar. What to do next was the question? To hold on was rapidly exhausting his strength—to let go and run was risky. But fortune favors the brave, and while in the dilemma, a friend arrived, who, taking in the situation, promptly tackled the "critter" in the rear, and with stern resolve held on to his fly brush until the other could let go, and willingly avoid taking a horn on that occasion.

The following items are contained from the Cherokee Advocate of the 7th inst.:

While a little boy and his younger sister, children of Columbus Baldridge, who lives on Grand River, a few miles above Ft. Gibson, were playing in the yard, the little girl was accidentally struck on the head with the sharp corner of a hoe, with which the boy was digging. The wound caused death in an hour afterward.

Mr. Garland, of Arkansas, presented to the Senate of the United States, Feb. 27th, a petition from D. W. Bushyhead, Cherokee Chief, asking an appropriation for the improvement of Grand River.

A shot-gun was jolted from the front part of the wagon of Mr. Berry, who was moving to the south part of the Nation, a few miles north of Tahlequah, last week, and was discharged by striking on the white-trunk. The load of buckshot passed through the body of a daughter about a year old, which the father was holding in his arms while driving, and caused its death shortly after their arrival in Tahlequah. Such occurrences are called accidents, when really they result from unaccountable stupidity or carelessness. The idea of a man traveling with a double-barreled shot-gun, loaded with buck-shot, and capped, stowed away with his family and household effects, in a springless wagon jolting along over rough roads, is almost inconceivable. Consequences resulting from such conduct are neither accidental nor providential.

Walker, a convict, died in the National Prison at Tahlequah, on the 6th inst.

Mrs. Belle Langley Spears, wife of Albin Spears, assistant Executive Secretary, who died at Tahlequah, March 5th, was a beautiful and sprightly woman, who was admired by a large number of friends. She was educated at the Orphan Asylum and Cherokee Seminary for Females, and her loss while so young in years, will be sincerely regretted by all who knew her.

Vinita Fair Association.

Following is the program for the June races:

WINTER DAY—June 18th, 1884.
Half-mile dash, 2-year olds, \$50
Mile and repeat, 3-year olds; 2 best in 3, 1st, \$20; 2d, \$15.
Half-mile; free to all ages; 3 best in 5.
SUNDAY DAY—June 19th, 1884.
Half-mile dash; saddle horses, \$15
Quarter-mile dash; free to all ages; 1st, \$20; 2d, \$10.
Mile and repeat; 2 best in 3.
Mile novelty race; 1st, \$25; 2d, \$20; 3d, \$15; 4th, \$10.
Dallas rules to govern. Entrance to enter. No walk-over. Entrance fee, ten per cent of premium.
Glass ball shooting, sweepstakes premium, \$50.

Public Schoolhouse.

age in a few years, than to build this house.

As it is, people are coming into town from the country, to educate their children, and, if there were suitable accommodations, there would be a large increase, putting the number of scholars in attendance up to at least two hundred.

Now the question is: Shall we have the house? The little children themselves are interested, inasmuch as to raise money by giving festivals, and to work in every way they can to accomplish so worthy an object. Will the grown-up people help them? We will see.

A FRIEND.

The trial at Tahlequah, before His Honor Chief Justice J. A. Seales, of Yartunner Vann and Mitchell Squirrel, for the murder of Thos. Arnold, last November, was brought to a close Monday morning last, when the jury in the case brought in a verdict of not guilty. The Solicitor of Tahlequah, Mr. Gritts, and Messrs. Walker and Wolfe prosecuted, and Messrs. Benge, Lyon and E. C. Boudinot, Jr., defended. The testimony adduced on trial was wholly circumstantial, and, while strong in some respects, in others it failed to connect, and was therefore weak. The verdict was no surprise.—*Advocate.*

G. R. Milburn, Esq., Special Indian Agent, left last Monday night, for Washington, after spending a few days in Vinita, engaged in making inquiry into certain Shawnee land selections in Kansas. From other sources we learn that the Shawnees, by their treaty of 1854, had the right to make individual selections of 200 acres, from lands held in common by the tribe. It so happened that "double selections," perhaps not intentionally, were made in a half-dozen cases or less, by persons who were known by two different names. Such persons being entitled to only one patent, the other selections reverted, and became a part of the common property of the Shawnees. These lands, amounting, as we have been informed, to from six to seven hundred acres, have become, owing to their quality and location, very valuable, and any scheme looking to their sale at the appraised value of other lands at the time of the removal of the Shawnees to this Nation—\$2.50 per acre—would be an act of injustice to the Shawnees, who retain a common and undivided interest in them, however much it might inure to individual speculation. Of course the Shawnee representatives now in Washington are quite as well aware of the facts in the case as any of their people now at their homes in this country, and, in conjunction with the Department of the Interior, will do all they can to obtain exact justice for them.

Notice to Contractors.

By authority of law entitled "An Act Making an Appropriation to Build Court Houses in the several Districts of the Nation," we, the undersigned committee will let, to the lowest bidder, on Saturday, the 23d day of March, 1884, the contract to build a court house in Coconawcaw District, near the old court house.

No bids received over One Thousand Dollars. The person taking the contract will be required to give bond and security for a complete and faithful fulfillment of the contract. House to be completed by the first Monday in May, 1884. The committee have the right to reject any and all bids.

The house shall be of the following dimensions and specifications: of wood or stone, to wit: Twenty-one feet in width, by thirty-three feet in length, two stories high, with walls sixteen feet; one room in the lower story, and four rooms in the second story, connected by a flight of stairs from the inside. To be furnished inside of ceiling with raised platform, jury box and bar, with two doors below, and one door to each room above; with eight windows, eight lights 10x16 each, above and below, and the whole painted, inside and out, with lead and oil, and covered with first-class shingles.

Further Specifications.—If of wood, to have a good stone foundation laid in mortar, 18 inches below the surface of ground and six inches above, 18 inches thick. Post oak sills, squaring 8x10 inches, hewed on four sides; mortised, tenoned and pinned together. Studding 2x6 16 feet long, mortised together and tenoned in sills; double plated with 2x6 scantling on top, braced on outside with yellow pine boards 1x6, notched in studding and sills. Lower joists 2x10, 20 inches from center to center, supported in center by dry stone piers and in ends by bridging on each side. All floors to be best yellow pine, dressed, tongued and grooved, six inches wide, one inch thick; two doors for first story 2ft 10in. by 6ft. 10in. 11-2 inches thick; four doors for second story, 2ft. 8in. x 6ft. 8in., and 11-4in. thick. All windows to be good lip sash, with weights and locks. All door and window sills to be of good 2x8 yellow pine. Doors to be hung with 3-1-2x3-1-2 loose pin bolts. Lower doors to be fastened with heavy mortise locks, upper doors with best rim locks. Lower story to be nine feet clear, with four feet waistcoating and a top piece with moulding under it; the balance of the wall lathed and plastered—two coats with hard finish; ceiling overhead with best 5-8 inch ceiling. Second floor joists 2x10, (resting on 1x6 yellow pine boards, notched and spiked to studding) placed 16 inches from center to center; two rows of bridging.

Second floor divided into four rooms, one door each, opening into hall for stairway; rooms lathed and plastered—two coats with hard finish; sides and overhead also; with 8 inch base-board at bottom; stairway to be placed as committee may direct, made 4 feet wide, of best yellow pine, two inches thick. Second story 8 feet clear; platform 4x12 feet on top, covered with tin, with trap-door and stairway leading to second floor below; rafters 2x4, except hip rafters, which are to be 2x6; sheathed with one-inch boards, covered with Star A Star shingles, 4-1-2 inches to the weather. Eight dormer windows with valleys tinned.

Outside Finish.—Water table and cap; best white pine siding; double brackets, size 12x18 inches, placed 7 feet apart; square cornice, moulding and fascia on outside. Door and window frames finished on outside with 4 inch square cornice, with moulding, and 4 inch casing and blind stops. Inside, 5 inch casing, with moulding. All material used must be the best. Finishing lumber—white pine.

If of stone, the walls to commence underground as deep as may be necessary, two feet thick to second story floor; eight inches thick from there to top. Stone work dressed on outside; cemented with good mortar; solid caps and sills for doors and windows; walls bound every three feet; 2x4 studding built into walls, to lath and plaster on. Wood work the same as in the plan for frame house.

Sealed proposals received at Oowala P.O., by John A. Foreman, or may be handed to either one of the committee within the next 30 days. All securities furnished must be citizens of the Nation. (Signed) JOHN A. FOREMAN, D. Judge, JESSE COCHRAN, Sheriff, JAMES KEYS, Solicitor.

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The place to buy farm machinery is at A. C. Raymond & Co's.

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J. M. Warren left, last week, for Siloam Springs, but can be found in the shop in Vinita again in two weeks, ready for business. He will sell you jewelry cheap, and repair watches at short notice.

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All who have not paid up their assessment of 1 cent per head on stock, are hereby notified to forward the same, with any change in marks or brands, to the secretary at Oowala, P. O., before the 1st day of April, or their names and brands will be left out of the brand book. By order of the Association. J. A. FOREMAN, Sec'y.

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